(c) whether Union Government has taken any initiative to educate the coaches in the discipline of sports science; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Sports Sciences are an integral part of the training of sportspersons. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centres at the National Institute of Sports (NIS), Patiala and Bangalore have well established sports science facilities in Sports Medicine, Sports Psychology, Anthropometry, Biomechanics, Exercise physiology and training methods which are managed by highly qualified and experienced teams of Sports Scientists. Besides, the latest fitness equipment and recovery methods facilities are also available at these centres. The scientific support to National Campers is an essential part of the system of preparation for international competitions.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Scientific support is being provided to National Coaches in the form of scientific analyses of sportspersons and the provision of scientific inputs in sports training, especially in the fields of Sports Medicine, Sports, Psychology, Sports Biomechanics, Sports Physiology and methods of sports training to enhance the performance of athletes. In the two-year Master of Sports Science degree of the Coaching Course research projects are compulsory along with theoretical knowledge.

Refusal to Tibetan players

1159. SHRI BALAVANT *Alias* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has refused the JNU stadium to the Tibetan players;

(b) whether this decision was taken at the very last moment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the players are born in India; and

(d) whether this refusal is related to Indo-China relations?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir. The Shastri Football Club, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-6 had informed the Ministry that the Tibetan National Football Team would play an exhibition match on 4.8.2007 at J. N. Stadium, New Delhi. As per established procedure, the Shastri Foodball Club, Delhi was requested to furnish the NOC/clearance from Ministry of External Affairs but they did not turn up with MEA's reply or the requisite NOC.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such information was furnished by the Shastri Football Club, Delhi with their proposal.

(d) No, Sir.